



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Mexican American Cultural Center  
600 River Street  
Austin, TX 78701**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair*

*Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair*

*Carlos Espinosa*

*Jovita Flay*

*Andrea Guerra*

*Rodolfo Jiménez*

*Carmen Llanes Pulido*

*Isabel López-Aguilar*

*Teófilo Tijerina*

*Emilio Zamora*

**DRAFT Minutes**

Citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda related items must sign up at least ten minutes before the meeting is called to order. Citizens may speak on non-agenda items under the Citizens Communications section of the agenda. Citizens may speak on an agenda related item after a presentation on the item has been made. Citizens might not speak after City staff presentations. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. Boards and Commissions follow the same rules as City Council meetings.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ramirez

**Board Members in attendance:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair, Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Emilio Zamora, Andrea Guerra, and Jovita Flay*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liaison*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. None signed up

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of January 25, 2017 Special Called meeting minutes – tabled for next meeting

**3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Update regarding change of scope for the Austin Tejano Music Coalition provided by Laura Esparza, Division Manager (PARD)
- b. Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer presented budget timeline and other activities related to council budget process.

- c. Update on Office of Equity activities provided by Brion Oaks, Equity Officer (Equity Office)
- d. Update regarding Asian American QOLAC, African American RAC and Hispanic/Latino QOLAC meeting with the liaisons, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant (CPIO).

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Working Group/Assignments reports:
  - i. Public participation, transparency and awareness work group
  - ii. Economic Development in Latino Communities work group
  - iii. Health work group
  - iv. Joint Inclusion Commission
  - v. Commission on Seniors
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group
  - vii. Education work group
- b. Commissioners discussed activities presented by Oaks, no action taken.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps, including scheduling future meetings, etc. Commissioner López-Aguilar motioned to have a special called meeting on March 25, 2017 at 9:00 am, to plan for next year priorities and budget recommendations. Commissioner Guerra seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of two commissioners to represent the HLQOL at a Town Hall meeting on the Land Development Code. Tentatively scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Commissioner Jiménez motioned to have Commissioners López-Aguilar & Llanes Pulido on the land development code, Commissioner Guerra second. Motion passed unanimous.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding efforts to support the immigrant and refugee communities. Commissioner López-Aguilar motioned to pass a resolution in favor of the immigrant community in Austin is spirited with the recommendations that the City Council has adopted with a strong emphases on legal services and more financial support to families, Commissioner Jiménez second. Motion passed unanimous.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Asian American QOLAC, African American RAC and Hispanic/Latino QOLAC meeting with the liaisons representing the Advisory Commissions. Commissioner López-Aguilar motioned to have Commissioners Ramirez, Flay & Zamora join working group meeting with other commissions from QL and staff liaisons, Commissioner Jiménez seconded. Motion passed unanimous.
- d. Community events information sharing

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Llanes Pulido motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:17pm, Commissioner Flay seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

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